

COAL DELT OUT IN SMALL QUANTITIES

Rich and Poor Alike Must Wait Their Turn in Long Line of Customers.

DO NOT SECURE FAVORITES

Shortage Due to Disturbances in Coal Mining Regions, It Is Alleged.

LONDON, March 13.—Coal miners, the terror of the poor of London, have again made their appearance because of an acute shortage in the coal supply, and thousands upon thousands of persons have been daily standing in line in the hope of getting enough coal to keep some kind of fire in their humble homes.

A coal queue is an interesting sight. Early in the morning the number of customers appearing at some distributing point exceeds the number being dispensed to by the coal merchant, so they line up, in order of their arrival and patiently wait until they are supplied, or are sent by the merchant that he has no more—but no means an infrequent development.

The lines, in small quantities for two reasons, some of them have little money to invest in coal at existing high prices, while the second cause is the lack of means to remove large quantities. Often peddlers provide the vehicle, but more often the purchaser tucks his old black diamonds away in an old hatbox or suitcase, or his wife carries them in a handbag.

If the dealer is fortunate as to have a ton or two of coal the queue will be maintained for hours in the same coal. If his supply is short, he cuts out, and the queue dissolves, only to be reformed at some other place in the hope of finding more coal.

It often happens that persons of means approach the dealer and offer high prices for quantities out of all proportion to the supply, and it is often recorded that the dealer will refuse the temptation, because he knows that his trade is among the people who are his regular custom-ers, the poor of the neighborhood, and that he not forget him when he has abundant coal to sell if he determines in favor of a casual but richer person.

So poor and rich alike have been suffering and shivering, because no one really expected the temperature to drop as sharply as it has within the past few days. The winter to this time has been open and wet and unseasonably chilly, but not so cold as to cause actual suffering, even with a short fuel supply. But with the mercury hovering around 20 degrees above zero, -12 degrees below, the weather has become a necessity.

The shortage of coal is ascribed to a number of reasons, chiefly the idleness work of the miners who have demanded a six-hour working day and the scarcity of railroad cars. Coal supplies in all centers of population are far below normal, and there is no prospect of an immediate improvement in the situation. Many miners have sought other means of earning wages. One old man and his wife, who are over 80, have been fed for a week because they have nothing in the house, and their children are foraging. Children are being kept between blankets with success, but the sturdy of the city must bear the burden as well as they can, with mighty little prospect of relief, until the railroads are in better position, or the balmy days of spring come to chase away the necessity for artificial heat.

Bolshevism Making Inroads Among the People of Mexico

MEXICO CITY, March 13.—Bolshevik literature is being distributed among Mexican laborers and labor leaders, it is said, are spreading the gospel by word of mouth. These propagandists, according to reports, now the arguments on literature from the United States into Mexico from the United States by a Bolshevik agent, who is either Russian or American.

According to the *Excelsior*, the propaganda is being carried on secretly but actively, and that within a short time the results will show. Several industrial disputes, the papers add, were inspired by the Bolsheviks. Recent reports from Vera Cruz say that two Bolshevik agents had landed there.

Labor troubles in Tampico during the last year of the world war were blamed on U. S. W. W. agents instigated by Germany.

BRITISH NAVY TRANSPORTS MORE THAN 26 MILLIONS

LONDON, March 12.—The British navy transported more than 26,000,000 soldiers and other personnel connected with the conduct of the war. Walter Hume Long, first lord of the admiralty, declared in the house of commons today in moving the naval estimates for 1919. In addition nearly 200,000 prisoners, 120,000 animals, more than 5,000 vehicles, 48,000,000 tons of military stores and 5,000,000 tons of live stock had been transported by naval transports. Since the armistice Mr. Long added, 50,000 moored mines had been destroyed by mine sweepers and no merchant ship which adhered to the prescribed route had been damaged by a mined mine. No merchant ship had failed to sail for want of men, although among the crews were men who had been on ships torpedoed or sunk three, four or five times.

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Shrimps that feature an Indiana inventor's automobile radiator cooling device are automatically operated by a piston controlled by a fluid in a tank that quickly expands when heated.

WATERWAYS COMMISSION STUDYING RHINE QUESTION

PARIS, March 13.—An official statement dealing with today's session of the commission on the international regime of ports, waterways and railways says:

"The commission on the international regime of ports, waterways and railways met this morning at 10:30 at the ministry of public works in plenary session. The commission continued the discussion of provisions relative to the international regime of Rhine navigation to be inserted in the preliminaries of peace."

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

SHOWS THAT GERMANS BACKED UP AUSTRIANS

Dispatches Made Public in Paris Proving Part Germany Played Casting War.

PARIS, Wednesday, March 12.—Two dispatches sent in cipher by Count von Szegeseny-Marech, Austrian ambassador at Berlin, before the war, to the Austro-Hungarian foreign ministry, showing that Germany was backing Austria in her warlike attitude toward Serbia have been made public by M. R. Vessitch, Serbian minister to France. As printed in the *Journal des Débats*, the message read:

"The ships in Newport News is a testimonial to Mr. Huntington's belief in the colored man as an industrial worker, men who could be successful." Mr. Huntington was told by many that it would be impossible to build ships with negro labor. The ships that we are building are equal to those anywhere in the world."

Some of the colored men who are working in the Newport News shipyard have been with the company 25 years or more. Eight to ten are on the retired list and are receiving from one-third to one-fourth of their regular pay.

The successful colored shipyard workers have built their own homes, supported their churches and have helped to develop one of the best colored sections in the south.

Racial Gifts.

Colored people have the gift of good nature, good nature which is basically unfailing. Good nature is always an asset.

"If those who come here because they could not tolerate conditions in their own country find that our ways are not in their liking, let them return whence they came. Our public officials should be respected until they prove corrupt and then there is a lawful way of removing them."

A man is not made by the things which he does with his hands, but by what he thinks. The colored men in the shipyard, who work skillfully with their hands, are as self-respecting as any other group of people. We must make our depend on decency rather than upon the kind of work a man or woman does."

The colored people have glorious future before them. They will learn as others have done that thrift and hard work will bring them out all right. They must become a property owning, voting people.

Colored people just naturally like to get hold of a little property. Only death and disaster will separate them from their property.

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BIG EMOTIONAL APPEAL

Have Plenty of Soldiers Ready for Any Emergency That May Arise.

CORLENSZ, March 13.—The intelligence section of the American army continues to keep strict watch of the movements of the German army and will continue to do so until the American army of occupation leaves the Rhineland for home after the signing of the peace treaty.

Recent reports to the Americans holding the Coblenz bridgehead are to the effect that the few units of the old German standing army which were performing any active service early in February apparently had been reorganized on a uniform plan, and the remnants of these troops information in the hands of the Americans indicate are simply drawing pay and passing the time the best way possible in their home depots, patiently awaiting discharge or having made up their minds to remain in service in preference to seeking employment in civil life.

Volunteers Kept Separate.

These units are divided between those who are perfectly willing to perform active service and those who are not. The willing ones usually including most of the officers and non-commissioned officers have taken a new name for their organization, called contingents of the depots and other facilities of the old unit.

The unwilling soldiers also have been remaining in the depots of the old unit.

It was in this manner that the Reinhardt regiment, which fought the Spartacists in Berlin and which early in February had companies assigned for Weimar when the national assembly was convened, are also other detachments sent to the east.

A detachment was formed from the fourth foot guard regiment in Berlin and has retained possession of that depot.

The new German Schutzen division consists of volunteers of the thirty-first division, the volunteer regiment being stationed in Berlin, while the remainder of the thirty-first has been in depots in the Hartz region.

Form New Corps.

German press dispatches from the region of Posen-Hermannsberg report that a "volunteer battalions' corps" which was reorganized from the 149th regiment of Schneidermeusel. Another recently mentioned unit was the "vorpache jaeger corps" which, reports indicate, was the volunteer contingent of the first Jaeger battalion, the corps using the battalions depot at Orlensburg.

Each of the units appears to include many volunteers from outside the ranks, and all of them were actively conducting recruiting.

According to recent estimates of American army officers, the standing German army the first week in February numbered between 300,000 and 400,000 officers and men. These estimates do not include several hundred thousand soldiers who have volunteered for the defense of the coast against the Bolsheviks or the Poles.

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WHAT CANADA DOES FOR RETURNED BOYS

Indifference to Majesty of Law

Fruitful Source of Disloyalty Growth.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Bohemians in this country are encouraged by a "flippancy attitude" toward law and those in authority, according to Justice John M. Patterson, of the Philadelphia court of common pleas, in an address here recently.

"The bohemian movement has found root here because thoughts rumors are made about the men we have selected or appointed to public offices. If these people don't like the president of the United States or if they cannot show him the respect to which his position entitles him, let them move on," continued Judge Patterson.

"Although I am a republican," said the judge, "I heartily approve of many of the things which President Wilson is trying to do for the country. He was elected by the sovereign people and should be supported by all loyal Americans during his term of office. Of course, we have a right to discuss matters affecting our welfare, but that does not mean that we should attack those who differ with us."

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